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CALLS ATTENTION TO PROGRESSIVE RECORD OF REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

IS NOT A "STANDPATTER"

Refers to Some Incidents of Groesbeck's Record Officially Approved by Detroit Voters

"Candidate Ferris, in his speech at Battle Creek, made a serious error when he charged that Attorney General Groesbeck, the Republican candidate for governor, is a 'standpatter and a reactionary.' From the Detroit standpoint I am glad to volunteer an answer to his challenge regarding Mr. Groesbeck's record," said W. P. Lovett, Secretary of the Detroit Citizens League.

"As we have a non-partisan charter in Detroit, we are not unduly biased in partisan affairs, therefore I can speak freely concerning the progressive record of Mr. Groesbeck from a Detroit angle. At least three points should be made.

"First, He has co-operated with progressive groups of citizens in Detroit frequently by way of advice and counsel in the promotion of plans for reorganization of our local government and the improvement of administrative methods.

"Secondly, To be specific, the reorganized Recorder's Court, known as the new Municipal Court, is the result of two years of hard work, including a four months' campaign in the last session of the legislature. I believe the bill would have died had it not received the substantial and continuous support of the Attorney General. In fact, he entered the situation at a time when it was generally believed that no bill could possibly be passed. Detroit voters approved this bill on April fifth last, by 106,000 to 39,000, showing the sentiment in our city. Mr. Groesbeck's service in this case is a complete demonstration of his progressive spirit.

"Thirdly, We are anticipating a state-wide movement for reorganization of county government, beginning with the next legislature. Without hesitation, Mr. Groesbeck has placed himself personally and publicly on record in favor of a constitutional amendment permitting home rule for Michigan counties. In a personal conversation, he went so far as to state that reorganization of state government was the problem in which he is now most interested as a candidate for governor, hence I understand Charles S. Mott of Flint, a Republican candidate preceding the primary election, has given his whole-hearted support to Mr. Groesbeck in his campaign.

"Mr. Ferris is known widely as a gentleman of high character and thoroughly good reputation, but it is unfortunate that in this campaign he should either knowingly or ignorantly distort the record and qualifications of his principal opponent."

WHY SOLDIERS ARE FAVORING GROESBECK FOR NEXT GOVERNOR

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE WAS ACTIVE IN UPHOLDING SOLDIERS' PREFERENCE LAW

In addition to their favor for his aggressive work in other directions, the Republican candidate for governor is receiving almost united support from former soldiers, including the members of the American Legion, by reason of his action as a state official in upholding the constitutionality of the Soldier Preference Law, Act 224 of the Public Acts of 1919.

Before a former service man can be dismissed it is necessary that the charges be preferred against him before the circuit court and the case tried on its merits, the ex-soldier having the right to counsel and to call witnesses in his behalf.

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PARAMOUNT ISSUE TO AVERT DISASTER

In a recent interview, Senator Gore of Oklahoma gave this reason for his opposition to Wilson's League: "Nobody favors the League that understands it. The paramount issue is to avert disaster. He was blind indeed who has not already seen the black shadow of the Maine elections visioned upon the horizon."

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